

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating those that are proposed to be upgraded in Orissa State;

(c) whether it is a public-private partnership project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), a total of 276 projects in the major ports involving an investment of Rs. 55,804 crores have been identified. Out of this, projects involving an estimated investment of Rs. 34,505 crores are envisaged on public-private partnership basis. These include projects for development of container terminals/berths in various major ports. Some of these projects have already been operationalised. However, identification and award of projects in the major ports including those for development of container terminal/berths is an on-going process, keeping in view the demands of maritime trade.

Paradip Port is the only major port in Orissa under the control of the Central Government. A total of 28 projects involving an estimated investment of Rs. 2403 crores have been identified to be taken up for implementation in Paradip Port under the NMDP. However, there is no plan to develop a container terminal at Paradip Port.

NHDP II and III

963. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of contracts awarded this year under the NHDP

(b) the details of target set this year under NHDP II and III;

(c) whether it is a fact that some private players are facing some problems with the new Model Concession Agreement; and

(d) if so, the problems that have come to the notice of Government and the remedial measures it is taking to redress the problems to complete NHDP II and III on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 24 contracts

pertaining to National Highways Development Project (NHDP), at about 867 Km. length have been awarded in the year 2006-2007 so far.

(b) The target for award of contract for the year 2006-07 is as under:—

Project	Length (in Km.)
NHDP Phase-II	1758
NHDP Phase-III	1603

(c) and (d) So far, new Model Concession Agreement has not been issued to bidders. No problem has been communicated by the private players to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in regard to new Model Concession Agreement.

**Slow pace of construction work on NH-5 from
Bhubaneswar to Khurda**

964. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that NH-5 from Bhubaneswar to Khurda has turned into death trap on account of slow pace of construction work;

(b) whether this work has been entrusted to the private firms for four laning of the Highway, who feel unconcerned to speed up its execution; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to speed up its execution to control the death toll on this stretch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. The National Highway 5 forming part of Golden Quadrilateral for the Kolkata-Chennai section, which includes the stretch between Bhubaneswar and Khurda in Orissa is not a death trap.

(b) Four laning work has been entrusted to private firm for construction.

(c) This National Highway is substantially 4-lanned with divided carriageway, which prevents accident. The balance length of 4-laning work is in advance stage of construction.